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SAFEGUARDING CHILD BOARD: SERIOUS REVIEW

BABY GIRL'S DEATH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED

By Katherine Reporter

A SERIOUS case review into the death of a 14-month-old girl has found there were a number of failings that should have been broken down.

Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB) carried out the review after Joanne Gregory, 34, abandoned her 14-month-old daughter in a taxi leaving her in the hands of a taxi driver. Ms Gregory left her daughter alone in a taxi for 10 minutes while they were living in Kates Row, near Watlington, in August 2014.

She had been drinking on the morning her daughter died in August 2014.

Her trial at Oxford Crown Court found Gregory was at fault for the death, guilty of manslaughter.

She was sentenced to three years in jail in November last year.

The report by the Safeguarding Board members have will call for protection services engaged and work

with children, as well as how effective agencies are at working with mothers with problems of substance misuse.

The baby girl and her five-year-old half sister were both subjects of Child Protection (CP) Plans under the category of Neglect.

The last time when Gregory had at the age of 17, was physically harmed in an assault, neither father was concerned if sexual.

After spending over a year in the hospital, and extensive assessments she was returned to her mother and there was subsequently a 12-month supervision order.

The report said: "A mother is described as an immature and not suitable young woman - a parent who does not have the skills to care for her children, but who has struggled to protect her child from sexual and physical abuse. A mother engaged with some professionals and wanted to be a good mother but she was a good mother."

"There were however a number of

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Joanne Gregory was jailed for three years for her daughter's manslaughter

Rape linked to collision: police seek witnesses

A 24-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of rape following an incident in Bodley on Tuesday night.

Between 8.30pm and 8.45pm a man was walking along Bodley in the area approaching a woman with a child.

He then took the victim to Bodley Park, where he raped her.

The offender is described as a white man around 30 years old, muscular and portly, about 5'10".

He was wearing dark blue clothing and a hat.

Senior investigating officer Det Insp Jim Holman said: "We are interested in hearing from anyone who may have seen a man matching the description running away from the Bodley Hill area shortly after 8.30pm, or anyone who saw a man matching the description with a woman in that area last night."

"We are also interested in speaking to residents in the area, following a traffic collision involving a black Vauxhall Corsa shortly before 7.30pm last night. We are looking for any witnesses to the crash."

LPA Commissioner for South and Vale, David Barry, presented a 30-year-old man from Oxford has been arrested on suspicion of rape and is a police custody as we wait for reports on Wednesday afternoon.

Contact police on 102.



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Regional Weather

THURSDAY Heavy rain spreading eastwards through the morning, probably turning to sleet or snow during the afternoon. The potentially heavy clearing later in the evening, then with clear skies, turning dry. Maximum Temperature: 5°C

OUTLOOK FOR FRIDAY TO SUNDAY Windy Friday with showers and snow showers, mainly in the east. Wind easing through Saturday, followed showers continuing. Cloudy Sunday with patchy rain and frost. Remaining cold with widespread frosts.

WEEKEND SUMMARY

FRIDAY



DAY 4°C
NIGHT 0°C

SATURDAY



DAY 5°C
NIGHT 0°C

SUNDAY



DAY 7°C
NIGHT 3°C

Long-term plan needed to help save children's centres

Protesters, right, make their feelings known about the changes

By Joe Armstrong, Reporter

THE South-Anglian Children's Centres needs a sustainable plan to stay open after this final year runs out, members have said.

Chilworth's County Council decided in November to close centres for a year for children's centres for one closure after the county is a move at the time will take a hit for them.

That came after the council proposed to shut 44 centres and serve other information hubs across the county, to replace them with eight larger children's centres and six South-Anglian county council

for Neil Pinnock has said that there needs to be a plan put in place for the centre after this next five year.

He said: "The county council could have made a decision to be more for the children's centres to help."

"But it seems they are more after what is being the county council."

He added: "It is still possible to put a plan together."

Campania's Council is planning but also speaks of the centre of the county, an advance successful age

to show with the county council. Mr. Pinnock, a town and district councillor, said he was speaking with the county council, some due to



take place in July.

He said: "I'm not sure what the council is doing. They are never able to clearly set out the objectives. In the meantime, keep the centre open."

"They are trying to do some up with a business plan but it is not a good idea. Information from them

Serious review into baby's death

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suggests further widening her efforts to change."

The report said that Gregory had an ongoing personal history in social work, was not supportive and positive about professionals. She also suffered from postnatal depression and had been said about irregularly.

Gregory reportedly spent a day in the job with her daughter on a Friday in February in what she did not feel any change in her professional life.

The report said "That was an example of how worrying incidents were not considered as problems, and therefore did not lead up to a picture of the case."

"There was a number of incidents that should have been treated more seriously."

The report said the general good-mannered taking care of it served as a model for the young man, but also "Despite this, however, regular and considerable professional input, there continued to be concerns when the baby's care fell below a acceptable standard, thus creating risks to the children."

"I added, "These were not always followed up by professionals as a consistent follow-up action, including meeting and for the parents' involvement in the actions."

Dr. C. Pinnock said: "There were no doubts to suggest that the child of death could have been prevented by a more serious by local agencies."

The Dr. Pinnock concluded: "It is hoped that this review will support learning and improvement across the local governing network, and will lead to better outcomes for children at risk of harm."

New order to tackle vehicle noise

By Joe Armstrong



It also includes a meeting to discuss the plan to tackle noise, which will be held in the town hall.

Deputy councillor for Kingston, Margaret, Joe Bate, Vice-Chairman, said:

"Having a meeting, first and foremost, to discuss the problem, along with a meeting to discuss the plan to tackle noise, is a good idea. It is a good idea to have the plan to tackle noise, along with a meeting to discuss the plan to tackle noise, is a good idea."

Residents in Abingdon can have their say on the proposed noise plan by visiting the council's website at www.abingdon.gov.uk/abingdon2017

Comments made by the council will be sent to the council by a deadline of meeting on February 6.

£50m confirmed for A34 upgrades



Do you really need to visit A&E to receive treatment?

HEALTH bosses in Oxfordshire are urging people to stop and consider all their options before going to accident and emergency departments.

With the winter bringing more ill health across all age groups, demand on the health system is increased, with attendance at A&E particularly affected, the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) said.

Dr Tony Daniels, medical director of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Our emergency departments have been under sustained very pressure since Christmas, linked to a disproportionate increase in the cases, particularly in older people."

"Whilst the situation is still manageable, it is important we all try to use emergency departments only for emergencies."

The Trust's clinical director Peter Morgan added: "The vision of the system here in Oxfordshire wants to provide the right level of care, for each person wherever it is, in the best place and at the right time and this is by no means always the hospital."

"There are good alternatives available for many of the health problems that worry us."

The CCG says there are a number of ways to get the right care without visiting emergency health services.

The NHS organisation said that self care is the best way to treat some illnesses and improve understanding can be used to seek advice without appointment.

It added that the 24-hour emergency services should be called for advice before attending A&E.

Woman fears man tried to take her baby

POLICE are on the hunt for a man who complained his woman's baby switched too fast to her grasp.

The incident in Redbury happened between 8.30pm and 9pm on Tuesday when the woman was pushing her baby in a pram near Stone Express in Mid Oxford Road when a man approached her.

He complained her son had switched before pushing his hand over her pram.

The woman pushed him away and she went inside the Stone store where she called police.

She heard the man, described as Asian, aged between 35 and 40 years old, 5ft 10 in tall, was trying to steal the

baby police said.

The man is of this build and was wearing a red winter hat and a black coat.

Investigating officer Det Insp Steve Griffith, from Redbury Force CID said: "This incident was concerning for the woman as she believed the man may have been trying to take the baby away. We do not know the child during the incident."

"I am keeping an open mind about what happened."

"This may have been a misunderstanding or could have been a deliberate attempt to take the baby."

Contact police on 101

Tribute paid to soldier as county holds repatriation

By Anthea Lewis, Reporter

THE repatriation of 30-year-old soldier Scott Featherington who died on duty was due to take place today in Oxfordshire.

Lt Scott Corporal Featherington, of The Rifles, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, died on Monday, January 8, following an incident at Camp Taji, north of Baghdad.

The soldier was a member of Blackstone Company and a vehicle crew member for the Force Protection Platoon.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed his death on Tuesday, January 9.

He leaves a girlfriend and a baby daughter.

Lancaster Colonel Buckingham, Commanding Officer, The Rifles, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, said: "Lt Scott Corporal Featherington was a superb soldier and a first class leader. Highly professional and talented, he was full of character. His sad loss is a sad loss to the regiment."

"The Rifles has lost a brave soldier and a great character. He will be missed deeply and we will never forget him."

"Our hearts go out to his parents, his siblings, his girlfriend and his young daughter. They are all of our thoughts."

Lt Scott Corporal Featherington, from Blackstone Company, died on duty. The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, said: "The incident was a tragedy. This could have been an avoidable tragedy, and he always had a sense of responsibility."

"He was a very good character. He will be greatly missed by the whole battalion."

An investigation into the circumstances of the death is under way.

The repatriation will take place on Tuesday from RAF Brize Norton to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford where a special service will take place.

Oxfordshire County Council said the heritage was important to pass the memorial garden between 8.30pm and 9pm and reach the hospital between 9.30pm and 10pm.

According to figures published at noon the UK had 134 servicemen and women during the campaign that followed the invasion of Iraq on March 20, 2003.

The British military member came to an end in April 2004.

Camp Taji serves as a training site for the Iraqis and is a site of where the 2003 battle against the so-called Islamic State.

The repatriation of Lt Scott Corporal Scott Featherington is due to take place today.



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200 jobs secure after £410m contract given to RAF Brize Norton



Time to choose sports heroes

W. GORDON Sporting enthusiasts in West Oxfordshire are being urged to nominate club, county and national heroes as the county's search for 2014 West Oxfordshire Sports Awards begins.

Run by West Oxfordshire District Council, the awards are designed to recognise the contribution of individuals and achievement of clubs in West Oxfordshire.

Nominations can be made Sports Council of the Year, Sports Club of the Year and Young Stars.

The deadline for nominations and applications is February 28.

For more information or to nominate your club/county or player/club visit www.westoxfordshire.org.uk/sports.

Deadline for school places

CHESHAM Oxfordshire leaders will advise their staff primary school this year as being urged to submit their first year applications deadline this month.

Parents or carers of children born between September 1, 2012 and August 31, 2013 should visit the primary school education page on the county's website and apply by January 15.

Parents are also reminded that primary year school applications also need to be made for children attending a school which was born between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2013.

Parents can apply at www.westoxfordshire.org.uk/schools.

Goods worth thousands stolen

OXFORD Thousands of pounds of money, accessories and electrical items were stolen in a series of burglaries in Oxford last month.

Police are appealing for anyone who after four burglaries in the city in December 2013.

The first burglary happened between 9.00pm and 11.00pm at a house in Woodstock Road where burglars stole their way into the house using a back door carrying out a money search and stealing a large amount of property including a TV, a laptop, a mobile phone, a camera and a laptop, police said.

At around 8.30pm, offenders reached the back door of another Woodstock Road house before stealing a large amount of cash, a laptop, a mobile phone, a camera and a laptop, police said.

Between 9.00pm and 10.30pm, thieves gained entry to a house in Downland Road and stole items including a laptop, a mobile phone and a TV, police said.

Contact police on 101.

New contractor

OXFORD A new contractor should be in a place by the end of the month to clear up debris at Oxford Power Station.

The boiler house was scheduled for demolition when it collapsed in February last year killing four men. The material has been removed but other debris from the main building remains to be cleared.

Olympic call for Southern Oxfordshire businesses

AN OLYMPIC golden call is coming to help part of a national competition to win a prize package worth more than £1m.

Olympic-winning gold medalist Sir Peter has joined organisers of the Southern Oxfordshire New Business Competition 2014 (SONBC) to encourage business owners who are invited to take part of trading to compete for free advice and services.

The winner of the competition, organised by maintained property benefits and business services, will receive a prize package worth over £10,000.

The award will be presented by Sir Peter, who was gold for Team GB at the outdoor last of the Sydney games in 2000, and his wife Jo.

And the prize package includes a five day visit to the Olympic Park in Chelmsford, a virtual office of better advice in the market and mentoring, website creation, marketing consultancy, IT consultancy, social media marketing and guidance from an experienced firm.

SONBC first launched in 2011 and takes place every two years. Previous winners and runners up have included numerous teachers, accountants and other shop owners.

Contacting on SONBC, Sir Peter said: "I strongly urge all new busi-



But Peter will be presenting the awards which are open to businesses across South Oxfordshire years of business on 10 December 11, 2013 should describe at 10 words or less what they have learnt and achieved since starting up their business.

Deadlines on applications from businesses and submit a by February 28.

All shortlisted applicants will be interviewed and will discover if they have made the final cut by March 10. Winners will be invited to a prize launch ceremony followed by a live and live Peter on April 7.

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NEWS

French films bid for new recruits

ABINGDON The ABCS Film Society is promoting French films this month to recruit new members.

Committee member Mike Kinnear said: "French films have enjoyed a bit of a boom in popularity and good French films have always been very popular."

LaBelle, showing on January 13, is an early sound classic from 1933. Chronicle of a Summer, showing on February 3, is a documentary from 1962. The Bourgeois, German luxury was made in 1964 and will be showing on March 13.

The evenings will be of the kind that should be well-attended in an Art Deco cinema.

Visit www.abcscs.org.uk

Rallying call

WALLINGFORD A demonstration has been set for the 100 Wallingford car rally.

The event has become a staple in the town's town calendar and is a great opportunity for car enthusiasts to show off their prized possessions and to help raise money for the town's car club.

The event starts with a parade of all vehicles ending in Wallingford, on the town's main street.

The first of the cars is a 1911 Ford, but the rest of the cars will be available from February 1. Visit www.wallingfordcarclub.org.uk

Greenpeace calls on UK to clean up air pollution with a little help from nanny



Mary Poppins stands along St. Martin's, London, as Greenpeace urges the government to take action on diesel vehicle emissions

Politicians given a scolding by Mary Poppins

George Wiltch, Reporter

A CITY-GIVEN of children's book Mary Poppins was used in a protest last week as a national campaign group called against air pollution levels across the country.

The protest was held on the Friday as the UK broke 100th anniversary of the birth of the only days in the year when the head of the Mary Poppins was spotted flying along St. Martin's in London as a protest mark.

The campaign group said it was part of a campaign to encourage citizens to pressure the government to clean up the air.

The campaign group is urging the government to take action on diesel cars, most of which, they claim, pump out billions of tonnes of carbon dioxide into the air each year. The group also wants to see a ban on diesel cars in the city.

Under the rules, any car that is not a low-emission car is not allowed to enter the city centre. The group is calling for a ban on diesel cars in the city centre.

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New programme to target Type 2 diabetes

HOPEFUL of a new programme to target Type 2 diabetes will be offered education and lifestyle advice after a successful pilot trial by health agencies in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

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NEWS

Prof Hawking to deliver lecture

OXFORD Professor Stephen Hawking will be looking the stage at Super Science Lecture at the Oxford Mathematical Institute.

He will deliver a talk on black holes at the institute on Wednesday January 16 at 6pm.

The lecture is part of the Oxford Mathematics Public Lectures, open to students and the general public.

Prof Hawking is director of research at the department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics and founder of the Centre for Theoretical Cosmology at Cambridge.

He has made major contributions to mathematical physics, especially the areas of general relativity and cosmology.

Registration is already open. To book, visit super.oxfordmaths.org.

Miss Slinky to share slim tips

OXFORD A slimmer who has learned that life is about how you live, not what you eat, will be giving tips to help others achieve their weight loss goals.

Her story is featured in *Fit for Life*, a new book by local fitness expert Jane Jones.

She went back after giving birth and lost the weight she gained while pregnant. Her story was featured in *Fit for Life*.

Now a qualified personal trainer, she says: "What she will be working with

members at the Curran's Academy. She said: "It's a fantastic day to be in a room, a supportive atmosphere."

The group will be holding their first day of 10pm and 7pm.

Worst verse

OXFORD The 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks will be marked by a series of events in Oxford on January 11.

The 9/11 Memorial Project will show the 9/11 attacks on the 10th Floor Station.

The Oxford show will be the first of its kind, showing the 9/11 attacks on the 10th Floor Station. The show will be the first of its kind, showing the 9/11 attacks on the 10th Floor Station.

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More on board

WITNES More than 100 visitors from all over England travelled to Long Buckby on New Year's Day to watch a first of its kind horse show.

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New approach to aid farming and wildlife

George Welch Reporter

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Success of first robot-assisted eye op

TRK University of Oxford's eye hospital, which is a first of its kind horse show.

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Watch TV with the show stars

ROBERTY LIGGINS A unique event celebrating popular British television from the last 50 years is heading to a big screen in West Yorkshire this year.

Starry-starry classic TV programmes will be presented on a big screen at Kettlewell Hall on the week end of January 20th.

A variety of TV stars will be present, including Hugh Fraser and Pauline Moran (from the Home TV series), Geraldine (Hornby), Lesley Ann Warren and Lalla Ward (Doctor Who) and Patricia Kneale (Porgy and Bess).

There are evening only tickets from £8 and weekend tickets - including champagne - from £19.

People raised will go to a veterinary charity (PDSA).

For more information, visit www.kettlewellhall.co.uk.

Van helps boost animal charity



Steve Atchfield with Chris Lamb and the donated van.

CHRYSLER The Old Vehicle Club (OVC) has received a £1000 van from a local car club to help with its work.

The van will be used to transport and deliver animals to the vets.

It was donated by Chris Lamb, owner of OVC, who said: "Supporting many charities and being able to help them is a great feeling."

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Developer's plan for homes instead of giant warehouses

Samuel McGeehan reports

A DEVELOPER has put forward proposals to build homes instead of a giant warehouse on the site of the old Kettlewell Hall.

Allen Land has submitted a planning application - a first for the site - to build 100 homes on the site of the old Kettlewell Hall and the old Kettlewell Hall.

The developer wants to build up to 100 one- to two-bed houses, at the site, which is currently used for agricultural land.

It would also allow for a new road to be built through the site to connect with the neighbouring roads.

The application will be put forward to residents who strongly oppose the plan to build a giant warehouse on the site.

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the Kettlewell Hall site.

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Hunt presents Air Ambulance with cheque for £1,000 at meet

THAMES Valley Air Ambulance presented the Haythorn Hunt Club with a cheque for £1,000 during a traditional meet at The Fox, Chipping Norton.

Around 200 supporters gathered in Chipping Norton to see the hunt on Boxing Day.

Simon Lawrence, owner and partner of the Haythorn Hunt, said:

"The Haythorn Hunt is delighted to be able to give this cheque to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance."

which is a service unit highly valued by members of the hunt community.

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Haythorn Hunt Club, Boxing Day Pictures by Tobias Photography

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Sports pavilion set for summer opening

Sam McGregor Reporter

WORKERS could achieve a great sports pavilion in time for the summer and are set to open this year.

The building will serve the public at the sports village, where a wheel-chair friendly track for cycling and running, and outdoor fitness equipment, are already available to the public.

The pavilion will include changing facilities, a kiosk, licensed bar, kitchen and function room, as well as 100 parking spaces, 50 of which will be for disabled drivers.

Charnell Darter's Council approved construction of the pavilion in late 2015. The £2.5m design and build project at Whiteheads Farm Sports Village, under Kingsmead estate, which is scheduled for completion in summer 2017.

Construction started work in late September.

Cliff George Reynolds, Charnell's deputy leader, said: "The vision behind this pavilion is to create an inspiring and modern environment to complement the existing new tracks and pitches at the sports village."

"It will be a flexible facility, as well as for traditional sports applications, provide a place for the public to exercise, a place to eat and drink, and a place to socialise."

"We are delighted with the progress."



Cliff Reynolds holds the sports pavilion which is set to open this summer. Reynolds, left, and Cliff George Reynolds, right, believe it will be a great facility for the whole area.

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The sports village will occupy a site of over 10 hectares, provided by Kingsmead developers Charnell.

The facility was named Whiteheads Farm Sports Village following a two-week public consultation on the name, location and scale, and is set to be built in late 2017.

The complex will also include

outdoor rugby pitches, junior football pitches, a cricket pitch, tennis courts and a multi-use games area.

In addition to the cycling and jogging track, the sports pavilion is currently being prepared for use in the 2017 to 2018 season.

Andrew Cunningham, director of Charnell Properties (Barnet) Ltd, said: "The new Sports Village at Kingsmead, including the pavilion,



is a significant sports facility that will benefit both current and future Kingsmead residents and the wider community at Barnet."

"Initially, three full-size rugby pitches, three junior football pitches and a cricket pitch have been constructed, ready for use in the spring."

"Ensuring a healthy and active lifestyle is a central part of our vision for Kingsmead."

"The sports village will provide first-class sporting amenities for the local community and the proposed secondary school, which will complement the new addition of green spaces and play areas throughout the development, to help residents benefit."

Mark Galloway, managing director (commercial) for Charnell, said: "The sports pavilion at Kingsmead will be a key building for the local community, providing a purpose-built sports pavilion with changing facilities, bar/cafeteria and a place to eat and drink, and a place to socialise. It is an important hub for residents."



Linda Barker was the winner of a competition to name the pavilion.

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Mikayla Brown and her mom, Michelle, won Prince Harry's Christmas card in October when the 10-year-old was an award at the 2016 World's Most Fabulous Children Awards. Photo: Facebook Photo: Mike

Business park gives support to charity set up by Mikayla

By Astrid M. Reporter

FUNDRAISING efforts have stepped up for the children's cancer charity Teen Mikayla after a successful Christmas rally in Grove Park and an forthcoming teddy walk in Woking.

The Christmas rally, raising £100, was held in Grove Park in Grove Park.

The event attracted crowds who were eager to find out the waters of 'what is the top' - guess the number of water in the park - how many bushes? and how many trees?

But lucky winners walked away with prizes ranging from bottles of tea to hampers (not full of wine, unfortunately) and prizes for the lucky people in the park.

And now that the charity has decided to make Teen Mikayla its sole charity, Jackie Green, who organized the rally, said, "This charity is the only way by the generosity of the people in the park and I am very proud to be a part of the charity committee in support of Teen Mikayla."

Prize Mike, general manager of



From left, Raymond Smith, Mike Rodriguez, Mike Smith and Peter Wals

Grove Park, said, "When I met Mike and Mikayla's mother, I realized it was an obvious choice. I think what they are doing is fantastic."

He said his team will be hosting a range of upcoming fundraising events, including a school in the summer. Peter is also helping to complete the Teen Mikayla Challenge and will be doing a big drive in June for the charity.

They hope to raise £1,000 or more this year. The charity which grows up to £100 worth of gifts per child, would then be able to send them out at its own cost for the month.

The community is looking for charity work and more, as the staff of the charity's fundraising team, will be making on a link up with Mike Rodriguez on February 12, along with Mikayla's mother, Mike Rodriguez, and Mike Rodriguez.

Leah Moore, and Paul Johnson, Mikayla Brown, 11, from Chelmsford, was diagnosed with leukaemia at the age of four.

She set up the charity Teen Mikayla to help patients at Oxford Children's Hospital who still fighting cancer leukaemia.

Speaking about the charity, her mom, Michelle, said, "I know it would be a success but it's not easy to do."

She said, "Mikayla has to go to many places in the car and go to many places as possible."

In October, Mikayla was chosen for the 2016 World's Most Fabulous Children Awards.

The UK, as the prestigious national link World's Most Fabulous Children Awards after being nominated by friends and family.

She was the category of the year, and she set up her charity and went to meet Prince Harry.

The prize money has been used to fund the Teen Mikayla hospital to meet some of the costs of the charity's hospital.

The charity is in talks to arrange the funding.

Film and golf to help raise funds

THIRTEEN: Dates for the fundraising events to support the mayor's charity have been announced.

On Friday, February 3, Thirteen will screen the film *Teen Mikayla* at 10, which includes a rally, and the film will be shown at the cinema in Woking. The screening will take place at the Mayor's Theatre in Woking.

On Friday, April 7, the Mayor's Charity Golf Day will be held at the Oldfield Golf Club.

The events will raise money for the Mayor's charities, the East Kent Children's Centre and the Mayor's Youth Project.

Nominate your role models

TEEN: The 10th annual Teen Mikayla National Awards of Achievement Awards is open for nominations.

Inspired by the charity's founder, Dr. Mikayla Brown, the award is open for nominations from across the UK, including children and adults who stand out as role models.

Dr. Mikayla was a humanitarian who helped people displaced after the Second World War. She supported people with complex needs and life-threatening conditions.

Nominations close on January 27. The awards will be held on March 28 at the Grosvenor House in London.

Visit www.teenmikayla.org for more information.

Tickets on sale

THIRTEEN: Tickets are on sale for a major festival staged over three years.

The festival, which is the first of its kind, will be held in the city of Woking. Tickets are on sale for the first of the festival.

The festival takes place from August 15 to 18 August 2017, and from 15 to 18 August 2017, and from 15 to 18 August 2017.

For more information, go to www.teenmikayla.org or contact the festival.

Phone theft bid

CHARTERED: A man attempted to steal a mobile phone from a car in the city of Woking.

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WODC proposes an average £5 increase in council tax

WEST: Woking District Council (WDC) is to raise council tax by an average of 5p per pound of council tax in 2017/18.

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Andy Morris, cabinet member for resources at WDC

NEWS



New homes for over 70s

Shane Proulx, regional managing director for McCarthy and Stone with site manager Karl Roche.

DEVELOP: The first kitchen has been built for a new home to home over 70s in Great Western Park.

Construction for retirement lease holder McCarthy and Stone South-west is well underway.

This company is managing director, Shane Proulx, together with site manager Karl Roche.

Endowed being land, the local housing developments are to offer homeowners the independent of housing their own apartments with the capacity of extra care and support when they need it.

The development is set to launch in October this year.

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Ex-MP to speak

DEVELOP: A former MP is to speak about his life, work and experiences in an interview with Oxford Health charity Oxfordshire Mind in Oxford next month.

Former House of Commons member John Jenkins will be interviewed by author and writer, John Jenkins at the Oxford House, Trinity College on February 1.

This event takes place from 10.30am to 12.30pm and costs £5 for a seated ticket and £3 for a standing ticket.

For more information, contact 01235 33708.

Join marathon

DEVELOP: Runners from less than four weeks to join a national charity's London Marathon effort in Oxford.

St John Ambulance, which has a base on Kington High Street, is offering runners a full course for a team of St John Ambulance, part of April's regular marathon.

The deadline to register is February 1. Contact more for details at 01235 33708 for more information.



Andrew 'Bif' Baker and Matthew 'Santa' Harris with Hannah Wilkins and driver Gary Neal of Co Green Tech.



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The Queen visited the site in 1957 (above) and just three years earlier Winston Churchill had toured the facility (below).
Picture: Nuclear Decommissioning Authority



Strike ballot called in row over pensions

UNION leaders representing thousands of nuclear workers – including those at Rura – have called a strike ballot in a row over pensions.

GMB (Transport, Goods and Logistics) union representing workers in the nuclear sector will vote to join in on Monday to discuss pension and other issues of 600 workers. It also has the right to place the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) under a moratorium.

After meeting at GMB Office in London, senior union representatives decided they had no choice but to call a ballot due to broken promises.

After the meeting, Justin Davies, GMB national officer for the nuclear sector, said: "Nuclear workers have played their part in keeping the country's lights on for decades."

"Nuclear representatives were committed that if the government in London is to break its promises and is not prepared to negotiate, there is no alternative but to take action to force them to do so."

"NDA workers committed to resolving these issues amicably and available for negotiations should the government want to pull back from this shocking episode of broken promises to workers in the nuclear industry."

The first strike day is expected in February or March, GMB said.



Oxfordshire's Health and Care Services **NHS**

The Big Consultation – We need to know your views

The NHS in Oxfordshire is launching 'The Big Health and Care Consultation' to ask you what you think about possible changes to some health services in the county.

The proposals affect acute hospital services (acute hospitals provide a wide range of specialist care and treatment including surgery, medical care, emergency care and tests), specifically:

- changing the way we use our hospital beds and bringing care closer to home in Oxfordshire
- planned care at the Horton General in Banbury which includes tests and treatment planned in advance and not urgent or emergency care
- acute stroke services in Oxfordshire
- critical care at the Horton General which helps people with life-threatening or very serious injuries and illnesses
- maternity services including obstetrics, Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) and emergency gynaecology surgery in North Oxfordshire

We will be holding consultation events across the county where you will be able to talk to clinicians and senior NHS leaders and share your views about these proposals. Places will be limited according to venue size, so please book to attend.

The events will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday 26 January, 1pm – 5pm in Banbury
- Thursday 2 February, 2pm – 4pm in Chipping Norton
- Tuesday 7 February, 5pm – 8pm in Watlington
- Thursday 9 February, 7pm – 9pm in Oxford
- Monday 13 February, 10am – 12pm in Didcot
- Thursday 16 February, 6pm – 8pm in Witney
- Tuesday 21 February, 3pm – 5pm in Bicester
- Monday 27 February, 10.30am – 12.30pm in Brackley
- Thursday 2 March, 6pm – 10pm in Henley
- Monday 6 March, 6pm – 10pm in Wallingford
- Thursday 16 March, 7pm – 9pm in Banbury
- Thursday 23 March, 6.30pm – 8.30pm in Abingdon

The consultation will launch on Monday 16 January 2017. You will be able to read more about the proposals on our website.

www.oxonhealthcaretransformation.nhs.uk

or pick up more information at your GP practice.

If you would like to:

- attend any of the events and book your place to receive the full details including venues
- receive a hard copy of the consultation document or survey
- or have any queries

Please call 01865 334636 or email: casu.talkingwithnhs.net

Volunteers needed for snow patrol on streets

Karentha McDougall, Reporter

All a council puts plans in place to keep Bury's moving pavements wet for motorists's call has gone out for volunteers.

Borough Town Council is looking for volunteers and businesses to help roads where they live and work free of snow and ice.

The move is part of plans to create a new winter scheme which has been running since 2012.

The Neighbourhood Scheme, which covers the town and surrounding areas, aims to help residents and businesses to keep their roads clear of snow and ice.

Businesses in the town could get involved by getting pavements out with their chains and brushes. Around 100 volunteers are already in place but have rarely been called in to work because of a lack of snow.

This year, it has already been a problem – and more volunteers are needed to be on hand.

Cllr Karen Walton, leader of the town council, said: "Snow means the roads are closed and it's a



Cllr Karen Walton is asking for more volunteers to help keep the town moving in case of severe winter weather.

community

"They keep roads pavements and footpaths safe for everyone through the winter – particularly elderly and vulnerable residents who can't help themselves."

"Borough help keep the town safe

ing at times when snow and ice could mean trouble to and from work, schools and shops."

"Businesses can do their bit by getting outside their place of work."

"Councils do their best to keep roads and pavements safe but even people trying their best can get overwhelmed naturally – but so can the volunteers who act accordingly."

"The scheme is a great way of getting communities working together during bad weather."

The council supplies everything the volunteers need – and also provides training for the role.

The project has been set up by the town council in partnership with Gwentshire County Council and Clonmel District Council and is based on similar schemes already up and running in many towns and cities across the country.

Cllr Walton added: "The scheme is free and instant and works well in many other places."

"It is a perfect example of the community coming together for the common good."

For more information, contact Borough Town Council at its office in Bridge Street, or call 01203 33709.



Green Arated toucan, who reside in the Tropical House at the Cornwall Wildlife Park and, inset, Red-tailed Crested Cranes. Pictures: Cornwall Wildlife Park

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Cllr Suzanne Bartington, Cllr Lisa Waller, Wiltshire MP Robert Courts and Cllr Ben Struss at joint in cleaning up Minster Lovel village.

Cleaning up their town

WEST Wiltshire residents look to the streets of Minster Lovel with their local MP to get road signs a much-needed refresh.

Laura Walker, a Conservative councillor for the Gloscombe County Council (Bathampton) and Minster Lovel division, said he noticed the condition of the village signs were in bad nick.

After he drove up last month, the Conservative MP said, "I noticed it was months ago that these signs were on a really poor state and some were barely visible."

"I decided to get a small team together including my own MP and clean the signs which will

helpfully help make the roads in the village safer."

He added: "It is important to ensure when we live and this is something we will continue to do. There's a point having road signs if no one is able to read them."

Wiltshire MP Robert Courts joined the group and said: "I'm pleased this matter could be dealt with so quickly and I'm glad to see the signs are in good shape."

"I think Laura Walker and the team for organising this local activity and look forward to more."





Bird flu continues to threaten wildlife park

OXFORD Wildlife Park has extended the closure of parts of its bird enclosures after the Government extended a protection zone against bird flu.

The Oxford Wildlife Park shut areas of its estate, including its Orpington house and with through entry after the highly infectious outbreak at the start of last month.

An Avian Influenza Prevention Zone that has been extended until February 28 to help protect poultry and capture birds from virus. The chief veterinary officer announced yesterday last week.

In a statement on Thursday last

week, the park said: "If you are still unsure if the virus has reached the park, we are still unsure that due to recent outbreaks of avian influenza, (bird flu) in Europe and now the UK, we have taken some precautions to help protect our birds and prevent further spread of the virus."

"Therefore some bird enclosures are closed. Closed areas will include the Tropical House, Bird Walkthrough, Away from the Wall, Garden, and the Dinosaur House. All birds are still in the park and part of the South American Wildlife. This includes the Wilder due to their location and to our watered lake."

"We apologise for any inconvenience and would like to thank you for your understanding of this time. Please check our website for updates."

The latest outbreak of the (H5N1) virus at the site has not confirmed as wild but work other ducks and ducks in the Parkhouse area were killed.

Chief veterinary officer Nigel Williams said: "We must continue to be vigilant and do all we can to protect against this highly pathogenic strain of the disease, which is why we are extending the prevention zone, have introduced advice on poultry gathering and continue to strengthen surveillance to understand the extent of infection in wild birds."



Oxford branch to stay as Jamie closes Italians

OXFORD: Enslaving chef Jamie Oliver is closing his Oxford branch as he closes his Italian restaurant in London.

Mr Oliver has 40 outlets in all, including one on George Street, Oxford.

His restaurants in America, Cheltenham, Exeter, Tyneside, Wills, London and Birmingham are closed. He is closing by the end of the first quarter of the year.

The move is due to the "business and customer" of the brand, says, according to the chief executive of the Jamie Oliver Restaurant Group, Simon Phillips.

It is thought the closures will impact a total 100 staff, less than the 200 staff of the restaurant chain's total staff.

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23/03/17

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At the cinema with Laurie Bailey

La La Land (12A)



Toe-tapping musical extravaganza with an eye for the Oscars

Emma Stone and Ryan Reynolds in *La La Land*
Picture: Courtesy of Sony Pictures

What would life be like if we were all predisposed to burst into highly choreographed perfectly placed showstoppers at the drop of a hat? Director Damien Chazelle ponders this question in *La La Land*, his second feature after the Academy Award-winning *Whiplash* in 2014 – with an opening scene in which two preoccupied commuters are on an LA highway keep out of their cars to sing and dance their feelings right in your face.

It is a testosterone multi-faceted musical attempting to square whether old-school Hollywood-style productions – perhaps with a small dash of *Ballet Shogun* and it's somewhat less for the most part.

Selections *Whiplash* (Ryan Reynolds) is a jazz pianist playing larger gigs at venues and to pay the bills. Having turned down a cash-heavy chance at the beginning to avoid selling out to corporate pop.

He meets notable actress and multi-culti Emma Stone (Emma Stone) by chance, and after

Laurie's rating

★★★★★

Five films are brave enough to cross genres this way and *La La Land* is another in a line from *Interstellar* to *no surprise* Oscar went to *no early* *laurel*

a love affair starts, romantic sparks begin to fly as they chase their dreams like stars in *Interstellar* or *La La Land* of course. When *Interstellar* utterly failed to find where they belonged in the world, Chazelle has found a perfect formula in *Interstellar* and *Stone* stars as a musical prodigy, very charming and looking up to him to have been married in the stars, convincing the audience up into their building relationships in a small but when half of it is sung and danced out in top they will. I might add.

Indeed says, the success of this pairing creates a surprising problem: the songs begin to

feel like intrusions in the story before *Stone* Kelly and *Delaney Reynolds* examined their growing love through the music in *Singer in the Park*, from the songs in *Interstellar* to his feelings expressed in the dialogue and dramatic performances. It is as if Chazelle forgot writing a musical but ended up with an homage to *1940s* romantic comedies.

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It is a thoroughly enjoyable, cheerful and excellent performance – no surprise that Chazelle is already looking

Opening up the doors for a new theatre experience



"We're a community venue and we want to feel part of that community and want people to use us in a number of different ways, which is not just sitting in the auditorium watching a show"

Marketing manager Richard Lohm

James Reynolds

A NIGHT at the theatre is set to become about much more than just sitting in a seat in the audience in *San Diego's* New Theatre is looking to

Productivity Housed House the second *Interstellar*, and *Friday*, January 20, *Interstellar* will be able to take a hour around the *George Street* theatre, where they will be told true and *Interstellar* will be the venue's long history.

It's not to say that this will be for the best in the end.

Starting at 10pm and lasting for 2.5 hours, four members will be given a welcome drink when entering the theatre, which has been a hit since 1910.

And for the theatre's Marketing Manager Richard Lohm, this will be an exciting way to bring in a story for those who are not in the theatre. "This night will go down as one of the people's most," Richard said. "The *Interstellar* night."

"I think I would be one of those people who are looking at the theatre and saying, 'This is a great idea, but it's not a great idea'."

"One day, the theatre will be looking at the theatre and saying, 'This is a great idea, but it's not a great idea'."

for those who are not in the theatre and saying, 'This is a great idea, but it's not a great idea'."

"So when something like this comes, my mind is telling me that there is a reason to say, 'This is a great idea, but it's not a great idea'."

For those who are not in the theatre and saying, 'This is a great idea, but it's not a great idea'."

"I think the reason part will be to give people a chance to see the theatre and saying, 'This is a great idea, but it's not a great idea'."

The event is a one-time event in the theatre as the venue is known for putting on high quality stage productions and saying, 'This is a great idea, but it's not a great idea'."

Richard says the New Theatre is changing the way the theatre is seen and saying, 'This is a great idea, but it's not a great idea'."

"We've got some things for the theatre and saying, 'This is a great idea, but it's not a great idea'."

Laurie Bailey graduated with a degree in English but a love for film. He is an Oxford-based film critic, BBC Radio Oxford film contributor and host of the Super Bailey Box in Movie Land podcast, for more go to laureibailey.co.uk. He lives locally with his wife and daughter.

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5 of the best...

Places for a winter walk

University Parks

For less of a formal walk, head to one of the largest parks in Oxford and enjoy the space. The Oxford University Parks, commonly referred to locally as the University Parks, the University Parks or just The Parks, is a large informal area slightly northwest of the city centre in Oxford, England.

Get walking for fitness and for fun, there are some great jaunts around Oxfordshire that won't get you too much out of breath



Iffley Medieval Walk

Iffley with its 12th century church, is a pretty village beside the Thames. The trail starts at Iffley Bridge in Oxford City Centre and follows the west bank of the Thames for the short distance to Iffley Lock before crossing the river to enter the village. To return you can take a short or return past steps along the river.



Brasserie Woods

Paths pass through all the tree deciduous woodland with many flower trees and abundant bird life. The wide rides and hedges support a rich wood managed by Oxford City Council add visual and wildlife interest.

Picture provided



Grandpoint Nature Park

The route follows paths around the nature park and alongside the River Thames. The pleasant riverside nature park near the centre of Oxford is managed by Oxford City Council. There is a range of lovely views including the River Thames, open grassland and areas of scrub and trees all around a variety of birds.

Picture provided

Gargoyles Walk

Oxford has many gargoyles and grotesques all you need to do is look up! From Stater Square turn left and walk along Queen Street. Continue to the medieval Queen Street. Walk straight ahead along High Street keeping to the left side footpath. By the Mico Hotel turn left onto Tull Street. See the carved entrance on the hotel. Walk along Tull Street, walk west along Tull Street and towards Holywell Street.





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Business

'Hitting this milestone is a fantastic achievement for everyone on the team here at Oxford'

Celebrations as 3,000,000th MINI rolls off production

By Alex Innes

Plant Oxford has celebrated the 3,000,000th MINI to roll off its assembly line since production began in 1989.

The 1.6 litre Oxford Clubman, MINI's John Cooper Works Clubman – the first model to celebrate the launch John Cooper's 50th anniversary in motorsport and new ALL4 all-wheel drive system.

From around 30 cars a day in 1989, to around a 100 built in order cars today, the 4,000 strong workforce at Oxford produce one new MINI about every minute. Around 10 per cent of MINI's built here are exported to more than 100 markets across the world.

On December 1, the plant was visited by Oliver Blume, member of the Board of Management of BMW AG, responsible for Production, who spent the year in Oxford to celebrate this UK manufacturing milestone.

Mr Blume said: "It's great to be back in Oxford to mark this fantastic MINI."

production milestone. Since relocating building MINI's here in 1989, the car has proved to be hugely popular with customers right around the world. The positive and consistent demand every year is a clear testament to the building a high-quality product is central to that success. The three millionth Oxford-built MINI is a remarkable achievement. Congratulations to everyone who has played their part in making this achievement possible."

Frank Buchholz, Managing Director of Plant Oxford, said: "Celebrating milestones is a fantastic achievement for everyone on the team here at Oxford. Building the volume of high-quality cars that we have made past 30 years is something everyone working here can be very proud of."

Since its launch, MINI in the UK and internationally have gone from strength to strength, and after 27 years, in its first year nearly 400,000 cars were sold worldwide. By 2015, this number had risen to nearly 240,000.



Built at the MINI plant in Oxford with the 3,000,000th car

Three UK plants have a part to play in its production – Dorset, Hull and Birmingham makes engines, Swindon produces body panels and roof assemblies for MINI, and then all comes together at Oxford with body shell production, paint and final assembly. Together these plants have helped to generate and sustain employment for thousands of people directly and indirectly through the wider supply chain nationwide.

Since 2001, 73 billion has been invested by BMW Group of the three

plants and Oxford has included a state-of-the-art paintshop, a high technology body building facility, a new final assembly with a new high tech centre, Quality and Engineering Centre and the MINI Academy, where the plant's apprentices are trained.

Oxford, the heart and home of MINI production, has a rich motor racing heritage. Today, it has been building cars since 1911 when the designer, engineer and philanthropist Sir Ian Hume's Gurney-Laurie built the first car, a "Bullseye" Sports

near today's present state-of-the-art MINI production facility.

The classic Mini, designed by Sir Alec Issigonis and launched in 1959 revolutionised the automotive world and was produced at Oxford until 1988 with a peak output of 14,000 cars during 1984-5.

Today, the heart of Oxford today includes three and four door MINI models, the MINI Clubman, including the first all-wheel drive ALL4 model – and the high performance MINI John Cooper Works Clubman.

Picture in the running for national prize

Oxfordshire nature and professional photographer Mel Taylor has reached the final of the recently concluded Guild of Photographers' Image of the Year Competition for the second year running.

Last year the runner-up was the photo of a dog, 'Photography in the Garden' by Mel Taylor.

The Guild is a highly respected UK based association for photographers which has members from numerous as well. Each year it runs an online award photography competition with awards being given each month to the very best of its members.

During the course of 2015, the competition selected nearly 40,000 entries in three categories, and this year the Guild's Judges have selected just 10 images in the nature group from the very best of the monthly entries, to go for nomination for

national final.

Guild Secretary Lesley Thorne said: "One of the Guild's aims is to drive standards and creativity amongst photographers."

"Our monthly competition certainly does that, for the standard of the entries we see each month is quite amazing."

"To have an image recognised by the Guild in the monthly competition is difficult enough, so to have an image selected as being one of the best 10 in its category for the end of year final is a quite remarkable achievement, and shows just how talented a photographer Mel Taylor is."

Mel's image along with the others will now be presented ready for the final at January and the overall winner will be announced at a lunch with the Guild members on March 1st in February.



Mel Taylor Photography www.meltaylorphotography.co.uk 01235 763399

Three Cotswolds pubs reach finals of national competition

By Allen Stewart

Three poles in the Cotswolds have reached the finals of the Publistar Awards 2007 – a national competition that rewards the cream of the cream of the UK pub industry.

The palm, operated by Singapore, are distributed for the East Asian-Middle East Operator and West New Palm or Bar Cities, the winners of which will be announced in March.

The Publishers' Awards may be found in any industry magazine. The Morning Advertiser also opens its public rooms. The 1881 list are widely regarded as the ones to read. Bookspice is short-listed for five of its public with rooms including the George Townhouse in St. James's Square, the Perth House in St. James's Square and the Albany on Sheep Street. Also in St. James's is two pub on Stratford in the City. At the same time, the Shows which opened in June last year, is also a speaker for the 1881 New York edition.

For the Best New Pub or Bar Award, judges look at the design of the new venue as well as the food, drink and comfort services. The Sheep on Sheephead was completely refurbished, taking a slice of London to the Cotswolds, which makes it very different to other pubs in the region.

The Best Accommodation category assesses the design and comfort of the bedrooms, as well as other

ments of the experiences for you. Dental guests including customers arrive on the 40 important bus line. All first-class seats with room are decorated and furnished to high standards with features such as roll up beds, super comfortable beds with Egyptian cotton linens and Bluetooth audio machines creating a beautiful hotel bed.

For the next stage in the judging process, judges visit a number of distributed pubs with members of the Strakeps head office team. There are also professional regulatory pub visits and an interview in London for the Strakeps senior management team.

General manager of the Elbow is **Shawn Grant, Area Administrator**, and "We are like the best of both worlds," says **William Awards**. The Elbow usually differentiates its most often guests in the area - our design is contemporary and quirky and our food, including our most loved pastas, have been in the menu during which customers are looking for.

Ed Dingeman said: "We had record orders as the Publishers Association last year as our judges had a difficult task in choosing prize finalists from a very talented field. All the pubs that buy

reached the shortlist. It seems to be very proud of their achievement and we wish them all good luck with the next stage of the judging, and look forward to announcing the winners in March."

Winners of the Publicist Awards 2012 will be announced at an awards ceremony in London on March 14, attended by guests from across the public industry.

Franken has succeeded in the Publican Arena at previous years, winning Best Presented Pub Operator for 1999 and 2000, and Best Pub in 2000, and Best Pub in 2001.



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Threat of children divorcing puts parents off inheritance

With divorce rates reaching peak numbers in January, a new study by Investor Wealth & Investment reveals that one in three (33%) parents are unwilling to provide financial help of an inheritance to their married children, fearing that a permanent split will result in assets leaving the immediate family.

With the UK's divorce rate remaining high, 12% of parents and their children's marriages had already broken down and a further 30% had little or no confidence they would last a lifetime.

In addition to the risk of divorce, the study shows that parents are often reluctant to pass down their assets to children because they question the financial competence of their children's current partners. More than 60% of the men said they had "lacked confidence" in the ability of their sons and daughters-in-law to manage financial affairs.

One in five (20%) parents are worried that an inheritance will be wasted by their children on unnecessary extravaganzas such as expensive holidays. 40% think it will reduce their children's motivation to work hard and earn their own money, and 15% fear that too little will be left for grandchildren and further generations.

has seen a rise in the number of clients requiring a head assessment to mitigate the risk of suicide, leaving the family and in the end, that their children's marriages fall in love.

In research shown that one-third (33%) parents are former grandchild financial gifts rather than a lump sum to help with day-to-day living, while 34% have decided to skip a generation and leave assets to their grandchildren.

One in seven (15%) families are considering a discretionary trust, which can be a useful means to protect family wealth from future divorce within a family.

"But with divorce rates as they are in the UK, we are seeing increasing numbers of parents looking to protect wealth from leaving the immediate family particularly if they're concerned about the state of their children's marriages."

¹²This often results in parents lowering small financial gifts over time, and in some cases not having the children know.



BUSINESS

'We are able to provide quick and healthy food to the busy working community'

Fresh new deli at science park helps employees to be healthier

By Alice Izzett

The new deli at The Oxford Science Park (the Park), one of the most influential science and technology environments in the UK with 70 new patents and over 1,000 people, has been officially opened.

The new purpose built deli, which is located at The Saffler Building in the centre of the Park, answers the people on the Park's desire to eat fresh and healthy foods to

as freshly made soups, salads, sandwiches, pastries, smoothies and delicious fillings. Much of the food is freshly prepared at the Park's kitchen and support catering team led by Julian Black, catering manager and Adam Martin, head chef.

The deli adds to its other catering premises at The Saffler Building. The Saffler Building, set in a central location and open, has a central kitchen and cafe, and The Saffler Bar, bar, drinks and bar snacks. In The Saffler Centre is an innovation building. The Magellan Cafe caters

for more people providing hot and cold breakfast, lunches and cakes and pastries.

Chris Scrimshaw-Ring, managing director at The Oxford Science Park said, "The Saffler Deli is an extension of the need to provide our

employees with amenities which can improve employee health and wellness. The new deli is the voice of Oxford our catering manager who responded to the findings from our annual catering survey. We are able to provide quick and healthy food to

the busy working community. Thank you to the whole catering team who have been working hard to keep what is already proving successful addition to the Park. We are looking to invest in our staff

structure and amenity offerings for the benefit of all."

Julian Black, catering manager The Oxford Science Park added, "It has always been my aim to provide deli style food alongside the Park. Now we can with our new deli. Feedback from our customers has been very positive and already we have seen a 10% increase in lunch with salad and ginger orange juice, smoothies and chicken paninis, and new smoothies, smoothies paninis and pasta paninis being our best sellers."



Civil engineering firm welcomes first female MD



Chen Greenwood has taken the helm of Greenwood Ltd as their new Managing Director.

Ms Greenwood's appointment at Greenwood Ltd means she will become one of the few female senior technology engineering executives active in the UK.

She started her career with Morrison Southern Civil Engineering in 1988 and since then has worked for Kier Group, Control Systems Ltd, Laid and White Services, and BAE Systems where she most notably delivered the E3000 Glyn Park Technology project.

As a trustee of the Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE) and a member on the ICE Council, Ms Greenwood is one of only 7% of female Fellows at the institution.

Passionate about getting more

girls and young people in general interested in engineering, she has worked tirelessly promoting engineering with pre 16s and developing new strategies for delivering increased school engagement with the engineering industry within the East Midlands region through the ICE.

Ms Greenwood said "As an engineer that opportunity is very rare, and to be one of the few female Managing Directors of an engineering company in the UK is a real privilege."

"I am pleased to be a role model to women who are already a part of the British engineering community or are looking to enter the industry and are encouraged about the educational routes to engineering and to maintain and further enhance our 'glass ceiling'."

"My history with ICE shows

my perspective and scope when it comes to the challenges that can face a female engineer, however my appointment as Managing Director, although part of a small group, represents the representation of women in management responsibility and goes to show that gender most have no bearing on how far a person can progress in their career, even in traditionally male dominated industries.

"I am very pleased to be taking on this position in a company with this history of performance such as Greenwood Ltd and am confident in my abilities to take the company in a continued direction of growth. "Despite having been in business for over 50 years, they are still very happy and always looking to work harder, bigger ways efficiently and keep going and will also be doing big work in the civil engineering

market.

"Greenwood have been pioneers in the civil engineering industry and are very much looking forward to growing the business even more and competing to build on their name as the civil engineering work."

Greenwood Ltd Director Robert Holmes said "We are delighted to welcome Lisa Greenwood and will be very confident in her appointment as the reason for the company our clients, suppliers, and the wider team."

"Lisa's years of experience and demonstrable expertise make her the perfect choice to steer Greenwood Ltd towards further success and industry focus and to ensure our ongoing spectrum of engineering projects."

"We are very excited to see where Lisa's leadership will take our company in the years to come."

Reduce, generate and store: SMEs urged to capitalise on energy transition plan

UK SMEs run the risk of a slow carbon economy if they follow the current 'reduce, generate and store' as a way to improve energy costs despite a rise in 'regeneration of disruption' as the whittaker from financial institutions pressure (SMEs have chosen)

The paper notes that SMEs are not really prepared more than 10% of all UK businesses, employ more than 15 million people and account for 40% of the UK's energy use.

Launched in December the Govt of Energy Whitepaper explains how SMEs can reduce its a three step journey that uses their energy efficiency to become making sensible financial decisions instead of focusing on the technological interventions of an on-site green value and energy storage options.

"But it comes to energy too often we see companies a small affordability and a lack of big planning energy efficiency business making supply based investments," UK's country sales manager of clean technology Jonathan Evans said.

"We always advocate starting by looking at energy efficiency but this paper is about helping SMEs to think strategically about their broader

energy future to inform investment decisions now."

The paper notes that SMEs currently represent more than 10% of all UK businesses, employ more than 15 million people and account for 40% of the UK's energy use. But 50% of SMEs today less than five years, the whitepaper calls on business owners to manage current energy costs through established energy measures such as LED lighting and Combined heat and power systems.

According to E.ON, relevant measures such as LED lighting have required larger companies and providing energy efficiency and EPC assessments that businesses can reduce savings of 15-20% by implementing recommended measures, with an average payback of less than 1.5 years.

A recent survey on behalf of E.ON reveals that more than 70% of the respondents placed themselves as 'self-sufficient' as regards to energy efficiency while E.ON claimed that their organisation - which ranked from SMEs to large sectors with more than 1,000 employees - is now providing energy from energy efficiency.

With many companies now able to

get in grip with energy efficiency, the E.ON whitepaper says SMEs to react to changes outlined in the National Grid's Future Energy Scenario which highlights low electricity and flexibility will become core business experts across future scenarios.

SMEs that invest, the whitepaper calls on SMEs to consider on-site renewable and energy storage both options - which the World Energy Council claims will fall by as much as 50% by 2050. While these technologies usually come with longer payback periods, the whitepaper calls for incentives and PPAs can help to get in line with the financial transition.

Yet some SMEs are still struggling to tackle energy efficiency. According to Steve Wainwright, Scotland SMEs are wasting 10-15% every year by neglecting simple energy efficiency improvements. In fact, a large proportion of firms are 50-60% below the Govt's aim to should provide grants towards the installation costs of energy efficiency measures.

Energy changes in particular, at least a stable route to energy efficiency some of the energy that is

Energy Efficient Technologies

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SME is able to generate or reduce. The World and Energy Group has discovered a new revenue stream worth up to £100,000 after becoming the first newspaper group to sign up to Edinburgh-based aggregator

Flexibility is deemed necessary to take on with the National Grid announcing 500MW of renewable energy bids for industrial energy resources. SMEs have been urged to follow the trend.

New appointment at Jigsaw Medical

After an incredible 2011 for Jigsaw Medical, which has seen the company significantly exceed its original growth targets, the company continues to strive to maintain a very consistent approach to market demands and its focus is to continue its growth plans through any business leader without compromising year on year growth and continuing to develop new modes of delivery as the key to success.

The new Managing Director will responsible for the operational delivery and day to day management of Jigsaw Medical Services Ltd, with Chris Peacock, CEO, focusing on the strategic direction of the Group, who will also have to focus on Jigsaw Group's continued planned expansion.

Julie Mercer, formerly General Director of Jigsaw Medical has been appointed as Managing Director. Julie is highly experienced in management and leadership in a financial and operational Director for NHS Professionals she was responsible for the design, setup and implementation of the current "HOLD" organisation implemented by the Department of Health because the impact to lower operational efficiency of the NHS. Prior to joining Jigsaw Julie also worked in the private sector on the successful completion of a major M&A project, management of a multi-located acquisition, and subsequent re-engineering of the business model. This resulted in the growth of group turnover by 200 million and an increase in headcount of over 1,000 staff.

Chris Peacock, CEO of Jigsaw Medical, said: "With the business growing so quickly across all three divisions the appointment of Julie as Managing Director is a critical move to maintain the growth of our customer base and ensure patient satisfaction. This will allow us to continue to the capacity of our services and support Julie and the directors and staff to ensure an even higher go level and focus on other areas of expansion across the Jigsaw brand."

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Record attendance at New Year bus rally

More than 150 visitors from all over England travelled to Long Island in New Year's Day when the Oxford Bus Museum ran free vintage bus services to the Museum and History Museum and Oxford Parkway. Several services provided information to accommodate the numbers. Two recent additions to the fleet of historic buses were on show. One of 20 is a Dennis Trident 1 (D1) D10, which was the first of its kind in the bus fleet.

The Oxford Bus Company bought in May 1959. Concorde Road bus and engine along the bus for the last four years. At some point in the future, the D1 should end up being an old children's bus and a small school bus. The bus is a 1959 Dennis Trident 1 (D1) D10, which was the first of its kind in the bus fleet.

on New Year's Day. The bus was bought new in November 1959 by City of Oxford Museum Services and after the company was acquired by the Oxford Bus Company. The bus is currently being restored and is due to be repainted back into its original colors. Several of the Museum's other buses are on display, including the 1959 D10, which was the first of its kind in the bus fleet.

Julie Mercer
Managing Director



Property

Andrews looks to help people move with new service

AND as we welcome a new year, a time for resolutions and new beginnings. Perhaps it's also the year for a house move.

The chances are that if you're at the stage of considering a move, you're likely to have in the forefront of your mind a number of things. Time it will take to get a house as big as how much your property might be worth. The cost of making the road trip up the ladder, and where the best agents in your chosen location are. We bet, it's likely that you'll start your online research up to six months before you actually move to a new agent.

But in the days before the Internet, you had more than the ability to get the best house for sale. The chances are that you'll be looking for a house that is a little better than the average, one of quality, strength and expertise from those who truly know the market – the agents at these very houses.

We know our customers and whether they're looking to rent or buy, it's not always the best of options. They get many from agencies with the experts for how to look at a house to arrange a valuation or a house to see for it. In the meantime, the best agent level of service.

That's why we've launched a new service, the Property Consultant.

If you're at the early stages of contemplating a move, this is a really first, complimentary meeting with one of our staff, property experts who are "house" for the house to see. It can be anything from 15 minutes to one hour, but it's free and with some prior knowledge, you can make a move. We're equipped with the latest tools to help you decide on your next move.

If you're looking for a house to rent, sell, buy or lease, our consultants will join the meeting. Perhaps you'll decide to move a house of an estate agent – that's fine. We'll ensure we've got all the right information ready to provide an indication of how much is going to be paid. It might be that the overall price of moving is not all that bad, and that's the case. We'll be able to clarify the options and ensure you're at the same level.

The benefit of all this is that, at no stage will you be obliged to agree to a purchase or lease. It might be that the overall price of moving is not all that bad, and that's the case. We'll be able to clarify the options and ensure you're at the same level.

The best and so on, with you. We'll ensure you're at the same level. We'll ensure you're at the same level.

£610,000 price put on riverside house

A REFINISHED family house in Wokingham is on the market for the first time since it was built.

The three-bedroom house in North Street is for sale through Redwood & Brothers at a guide price of £610,000.

It has a river frontage, down stairs to the river, private parking and is built on a plot of 0.15 acres.

An entrance hall leads to a ground-floor bedroom, a cloakroom, a utility room and a kitchen. Upstairs a first-floor landing leads to a dual aspect sitting room in the rear white house and a full-width balcony offers an ideal spot to watch the world go by.

The second floor benefits from two further bedrooms and a refitted family bathroom. The rear half of the house is currently used by the present owner as a study/office but would be a lovely bedroom with walk-in wardrobe or potential en-suite. As well as a beautiful single garage, there is off-road parking for six cars. Contact 01844 511009.



Top five reasons to buy a new-build home

FIVE REASONS housebuilder David Wilson Homes is encouraging homebuyers to consider the advantages of buying a new-build home in the New Year.

The leading housebuilder, which is building new homes at a range of developments across Oxfordshire, has compiled a top five reasons why people looking to move home should always choose new over old.

Most of these reasons come from homebuyers' surveys which highlight the fact that new homes give you a wider range of benefits than the secondhand market, most notably in the way.

Paul Croft, managing director of David Wilson Homes Oxfordshire, said: "There are many advantages to buying a new home that we would like homebuyers to consider now that we are in 2017 and people may be looking to move."

"Buying a new home means you can move straight away without any DIY needed to be done and you can avoid a quality issue which is a major concern and has lower maintenance costs."

"For all a range of low-deposit schemes, first-time and a bespoke new-build scheme which very often helps people move home or get on the property ladder these schemes get right now have been seen."

David Wilson Homes' top five reasons to buy new are:

- **Save on your energy bills** – new homes are built to the latest standards and could be up to 10% more energy efficient than an average Victorian house. This means you're getting a house that is green and more efficient to run.

- **Polymers are strong on your home** – the housebuilder's Experience range offers purchasers to add the best finishing touches to make their home individual. Buyers, securing a home at the end of a new-build project are able to specify a range of design from upgrading a kitchen or bathroom, to choosing carpets and furnishings.

- **Cutting-edge designs** – David Wilson Homes design each of its properties with quality, the customer and modern living in mind. The houses provide space, and with free-flowing living and dining areas that encourage natural light into the spacious rooms. The expertly crafted homes provide a modern, stylish look that give each member of the family their own space to enjoy while also having large social areas where quality time can be spent together.

- **Respectful, innovative packages** – a wide range of schemes are available when you choose to move into a new-build home, ensuring it's an easy and stress-free experience. These include the Development, located by the river where you can enjoy a view of the river while you live in a new home with just a 10% deposit, and David Wilson Homes' to go scheme, a new-build and part-exchange scheme.

- **First-time housebuilder** – David Wilson Homes has been awarded the maximum five-star official rating from the Home Builders Federation (HBF) for the seventh time in a row, following the results of the annual Home Builders Federation customer satisfaction survey.



David Wilson Homes currently has a number of developments in Oxfordshire

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 *Large Garden
 *No Ground Churn

£260,000


*SPC 2
 *Three Bedrooms End Of Row
 *Garden Room 15m x 10m
 *Off Street Parking
 *Close to Station & Town Centre

Banbury £255,000


*SPC 2
 *Three Bedrooms
 *Off Street Parking
 *New Garden

Banbury £265,000


*SPC 2
 *End of Row
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Land Feilding Close £189,950


EPC Rating: B
Two Double Bedrooms
Modern kitchen with island
Parking space

Land Feilding Close £199,950


EPC Rating: C
Two Bedrooms
Kitchen/Diner
Master Bedroom with
En-Suite
Garden & Allocated
Parking Space

Usher Drive £250,000


EPC Rating: E
Three good size bedrooms
Integral garage
Off road parking
En-Suite
Cloakroom

Lapsley Drive £269,500


EPC Rating: C
Three Double bedrooms
Master bedroom with
en-suite
Walking distance to
local centre &
Primary School

Sussex Drive £275,000


EPC Rating: C
Detached Family home
South facing rear garden
Modern Kitchen
Four aspect over trees

Hallhouse Cottages £300,000


EPC Rating: C
Village Location
Three Bedrooms
Garden
Open view, home with
Ground floor extension

Thyme Close £325,000


EPC Rating: B/C
Good size three bedroom home
Popular design with
Contemporary
Good size lounge &
kitchen/dining room
NO CHAIN

Horsham Close £345,000


EPC Rating: B
Corner Plot
Open Plan kitchen
Contemporary
Garage
Private Rear Garden

Merbers Way GEO £175,000


EPC Rating: D
Two Bedrooms Semi Detached
Garage with Off road
Parking for Two Cars
Modern Kitchen/Diner

Melrose Court £190,000


EPC Rating: C
Two Bedrooms Mid
terrace house
Kitchen / Breakfast
Room

Meldrum Court £180,000


EPC Rating: E
First of Terrace
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Risinghurst **Guide Price £475,000**

This substantially extended detached property is located in the sought after area of Risinghurst. With high ceilings and original features including picture rails, open fireplaces and original pine floors throughout this house is an ideal investment opportunity.

Headington **OIRO £425,000**

Located within the highly-regarded gated community Grosvenor Close, a well presented 3 bed duplex apartment. Accessing ground floor bedrooms and first floor kitchen and reception rooms.

Yarmton **£60,000**

A consistently presented apartment in this exclusive development for the over 55s. With under floor heating throughout and open plan living space this shared ownership house (15%) also has access to communal gardens, laundry facilities and on-site management and maintenance.

Risinghurst **£350,000**

Available with its own chain, this semi-detached house is ideally located for access to the A44 and has good transport links to Headington Harpells and Oxford Brookes University. In need of modernisation, this property would make an ideal investment purchase or family home.

Begbroke **£375,000**

Located in the popular village of Begbroke, this well maintained family home benefits from a garage and off road parking spaces. Accommodation over two levels and a large well landscaped rear garden.

Headington **£460,000**

Offered with no onward chain, this property is located on a large corner plot providing ample space for extension (subject to planning). Easy access to the John Radcliffe Hospital and A144 makes this an ideal family home or investment opportunity.

Headington **OIRO £215,000**

Beautifully presented over bedrooms ground floor flat with modern bedrooms and fitted kitchen, this property would be ideal for investors and first time buyers. Good year viewing being.

Tackley **£450,000**

With flexible accommodation over two floors this single property is located in the sought after village of Tackley. A self contained annex provides separate accommodation that can be used as a separate flat or incorporated into the main house.

Marston Road **OIRO £440,000**

Prime Marston location within the Chelvers catchment area providing easy access to the A44, St Hospital and Brookes University. A 1930s property providing accommodation over two levels with a large rear average garden, with the potential to extend (STP).

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Longwick

£525,000

A fantastic opportunity to purchase this magnificent large four bedroom semi-detached house located in the popular village of Longwick in the countryside, close to the town of the property. This home provides spacious accommodation with a good size garden driveway and large back garden.

Chinnor

£330,000

A well presented two bedroom semi detached house built by Taylor Wimpey Homes 1.5 years ago that would make an ideal first time purchase.

Long Crendon

£375,000

This nature three bedroom detached family house offers spacious and very accommodation and is centrally located within the popular village of Long Crendon. Prospective purchasers should note that the ground chain is completed and that the owners selling agents are strongly where strongly internal enquiries.

Thame

£575,000

A fine two bedroom detached family home located in a small cul-de-sac of similar properties on this popular residential development. The property offers larger than average accommodation with regular double rooms, full size bathroom with a south facing rear garden and a double width garage.

Thame

£475,000

This lovely family home has been already established and converted to a 4 bedroom property by a local builder using local craftsmen and is offered for sale with no onward chain.

Chalgrove

£425,000

A very well presented and well cared for four bedroom detached family home in the outskirts of this thriving desirable village. This lovely family home is offered for sale with a double drive and a landscaped front garden. A refurbishment only 4 years ago.

Chinnor

£530,000

A mature five bedroom detached family home that has been successfully marketed in a location with manicured corner plot gardens that enjoy a sheltered aspect.

Waterstock

£700,000

Very recently refurbished and maintained by its current owner, the property is offered for sale with a 'turnkey' kitchen, two well proportioned reception rooms, a large fireplace, a double living room, mature and enclosed garden along with off street parking.

Haddenham

£550,000

This spacious accommodation is arranged over 3 floors, with an extra shower room to 3 of the bedrooms along with attached garage and enclosed rear garden. Prospective purchasers will note that no onward chain is involved with the purchase of the property.

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OXFORD

Cowley/Headington £335,000



DETACHED house located on the Cowley/Headington borders, within walking distance to the M40, quiet, three bedrooms and two reception rooms. Front and rear gardens plus driveway. NO ONWARD CHAIN. Call Connells to book your viewing 01865 748448. EPC Rating: D

Oxford £375,000



This is a MUST VIEW if you are looking for a contemporary living located in the heart of Oxford. This MODERN ground floor apartment comprising of a good sized lounge/dining room with french doors to the courtyard garden and plus fitted kitchen and white suite. DOUBLE bedroom with built in wardrobe. EPC Rating: C

Cowley £350,000



A SPECIALLY BUILT HOME, offering one bedroom and study built on a HIGH SPECIFICATION and located within sought after area just off WESTERN DRIVE. The house benefits from having off street parking and a good sized enclosed front and rear garden. GFI 1050 RTN NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating: A rated

East Oxford £380,000



Charming VICTORIAN terrace in a sought after location. The property has undergone refurbishment, offering a well presented modern finish and great access to local amenities. Ideal for investment or a superb home in an excellent location.

EPC Rating: D

Florence Park OIEO £392,000



EXTENDED FAMILY HOME in Florence Park, the property has recently been refurbished with a double access entrance to rear allowing for three double bedrooms, OFFICE/STUDY through lounge, then to kitchen, parking at rear and rear garden. Offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN.

EPC Rating: D

Oxford £435,000



Gorgeous FAMILY HOME benefiting from rear extension and newly CONVERTED LOFT. Four bedrooms, two family bathrooms, parking and garden. Viewing advised as we seek to dispense the property on going.

EPC Rating: C

Florence Park Offers over £500,000



The TOP FLOOR & REAR EXTENSION 4/5th home. Accommodation offers 4 bedrooms plus open plan kitchen and separate shower room. Ground floor has a SPACIOUS lounge/dining area with oak flooring, FURNISHED good sized RECEPTION ROOM and WETTED KITCHEN.

EPC Rating: D

Cowley Guide Price £600,000



Grand full facelift 1930 terrace benefiting from LOFT ROOM AND REAR EXTENSION. With period features throughout this property offers a great home to live in and is extremely SPACIOUS. Insulation and modernisation work to the building has been completed to improve efficiency. Viewing advised.

EPC Rating: D

Kennington Guide Price £550,000



INCREDIBLE 3 BEDS IN GREAT 5th location at attractive bargain price on a LARGE 3rd AVENUE PLST. Rarely available to market, the property boasts a large kitchen and conservatory with floor to ceiling windows over the garden. Quality offered with no onward chain.

EPC Rating: A rated

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NEW PROPERTY
Abingdon £215,000
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NEW PROPERTY
Abingdon £209,000
 This 2 bedroom house situated in the Gloucester area, within 0.2 miles of Long Park Primary School and Medical centre. EPC Rating D.



Marcham £400,000
 A three bedroom family home with generous off-street parking. EPC Rating C.



Abingdon £140,000
 Three bedroom semi detached home showcasing an open mill-walk across a green area at the end of a cul-de-sac road. EPC Rating D.



Abingdon £250,000
 With natural light flooding through each window, this 3 bedroom property is the perfect place to enjoy updating the winter months. EPC Rating D.



Milton £660,000
 This five bedroom home will appeal to those looking for a property designed around family life. EPC Rating C.



Abingdon £310,000
 A much improved three bedroom semi detached family home offering a modern open plan kitchen/dining area. EPC Rating D.



Central Abingdon £125,000
 Superb aspect, character cottage in excellent courtyard location just 0.5 miles from central Abingdon. EPC Rating E.



Devizes £285,000
 Unique and filled with character features, this three bedroom house enjoys all the advantages of village living. EPC Rating E.



North Abingdon £270,000
 Located in this cul-de-sac position is this two bedroom house with an enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating C.



Abingdon £166,000
 Natural light floods into this new create two bedroom apartment, particularly in the dual aspect L-shaped living/dining. EPC Rating C.

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£2,580 pcm



Abingdon

A stunning three bedroom with a private shower room. Utilities included. Furnished. No smoking.

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A stunning grade II listed property with a beautiful mature garden in the centre of the picturesque village of Dorchester on Thames. Three bedrooms, bathroom with bath & separate shower cubicle, kitchen with white goods, large living room with working open fireplace. Lots of storage cupboards, parking and pretty landscaped gardens. Unfurnished. Available immediately.

£1,395 pcm



Kennington

A modern and former house with conservatory in this popular residential cul-de-sac in Kennington. Two bedrooms, kitchen with fridge/freezer, dishwasher & washing machine. Bathroom with shower, stain bath, living room, conservatory, garage in the side of the house with access to landscaped rear garden. Driveway parking for two cars. Unfurnished. Available 1st February.

£1,100 pcm



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Abingdon £255,000
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Abingdon £268,000
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Chilton £205,000
A lovely double fronted, two bedroom detached house, featuring a modern kitchen, two double bedrooms, a large living room, a bathroom and a garage. EPC: G



Abingdon Marina

A wonderful extensive property offering well proportioned accommodation over three floors and set with no on-site chain. The ground floor provides a hall, open plan kitchen leading to the reception area and a conservatory. A utility, bathroom and store room. Three double bedrooms, master with an en-suite and a family bathroom. The second floor has a large master bedroom with an en-suite. Off road parking for two cars with a double garage. The rear garden leads to the private mooring and waterfront the Marina. EPC: E

Guide Price £660,000



Abingdon on Thames

A superbly presented home, situated within this popular area of north Abingdon. The entrance hall opens into the living and dining room, whilst the dining room opens into the well fitted kitchen and two doors opening into a lovely heated conservatory, ideal for your sundae use. On the first floor two generous double bedrooms with built in storage, a single room and the family bathroom. The rear facing garden has a decking, landscaped area and borders. An attached garage and block paved drive provide ample parking. EPC: C

Guide Price £375,000



Whitecross £375,000
A superbly presented semi-detached bungalow with an en-suite master. Three bedrooms, a garage, open plan living/dining/family room and a family bathroom. EPC: C



Abingdon £290,000
A stylish and modern town centre apartment with a double parking. Two double bedrooms, an en-suite, and a kitchen with a balcony. EPC: G



Abingdon Marina £318,000
A fantastic opportunity to purchase a three bedroom home with a great view through a park. The property is a two bedroom, two bathroom, and a double garage. EPC: G



Abingdon £150,000
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Recruitment

10 Tips For Better Hiring

BY GEMU

It's a competitive market out there for employers, but over 1.7 million jobs were advertised online, so finding and advertising the best talent can be tough! We've put together the following recruitment advice to help you get the most from your recruitment and agency R&A.

1. Research the market
According to the CIPD, 'Researching and understanding the labour market is essential for HR to ensure that you are able to attract and retain the right talent for your business'. It's important to know what your competitors are doing to attract and retain talent, so you can stay ahead of the game.

2. Use social media
Social media is a great way to reach out to potential candidates. LinkedIn is a great place to find talent, as it's a professional network. Facebook and Twitter can also be used to reach out to potential candidates.

3. Use job boards
Job boards are a great way to find talent. There are many different job boards, so you can choose the one that best suits your needs.

4. Use recruitment agencies
Recruitment agencies can help you find the right talent for your business. They have a large database of potential candidates, so you can find the right person for your business.

5. Use video
Video is a great way to reach out to potential candidates. You can create a video that shows your business and the opportunities available. This can help you attract the right talent.

6. Use referrals
Referrals are a great way to find talent. You can ask your current employees to refer potential candidates. This can help you find the right talent for your business.

7. Use job fairs
Job fairs are a great way to find talent. You can attend a job fair and meet potential candidates face-to-face. This can help you find the right talent for your business.

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advice number 1 is to do a background check. Use Developer Tools to check the background of your potential candidates. This can help you find the right talent for your business.

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Motors

RAC warns motorists not to start 2017 on a flat note

Millions of cars left unused over Christmas increases chances of a flat battery

At the start of 2016, battery-related breakdowns accounted for a third of all breakdowns



Motorists are being urged to get their new year off to a strong start, rather than a restart, by making sure they give every car they rely on a good run before the January rush to work on Tuesday 3 January.

On the first working day of 2016, 4 January, the RAC had its busiest day of the year, attending nearly 16,000 breakdowns – a 40% increase on a typical day – with a third of these attributed to flat batteries. While a car might be able to jump-start a vehicle to get a drive on their way again, notes of a flat battery will nonetheless affect the likelihood of starting the new year being able to work.

Not every of these breakdowns could be avoided if motor-

ists decided to use their cars before returning to work. Just a 30 minute drive might not be enough to top up a flat, but it can ensure healthy battery – thereby reducing the chances of an avoidable come breakdown at home.

RAC spokesman Paul Davies said: "Unfortunately, the first day back at work after the Christmas and new year break is one of our busiest for breakdowns. With millions of multi-use families in the UK, the long festive break often means at least one vehicle is not driven. Each of these unused cars represents a breakdown waiting to happen.

"Just running a car for a long period dramatically increases the chances of a flat battery so motorists risk starting January

on a very flat note. Our advice to motorists is to give every car in their household a good run before the new working week. That way they can be much more confident of getting the new year off to a good start, rather than off to a non-start – and leaves the chances of having to ring the RAC and explaining they are going to be late for the first working day of 2017.

"In 2016, we attended more than 1,000 broken-down vehicles who had suffered battery problems. The weather couldn't be blamed for most of these breakdowns as it was remarkably mild. If it were to be much colder going into New Year 2017, it would make the problem worse with colder weather putting more stress on a car's battery."



The RAC's tips for avoiding the battery blues this New Year:

Drive every vehicle in your household before Tuesday 3 January, especially if you're going to rely on that car for your return to work. Don't just turn it over – go on a drive.

Check every volt – turn off everything electrical in your car once you've switched the engine off, and disconnect all equipment to give the battery its best chance of starting.

If you've had battery problems at all through 2016, think about getting it tested and, if needed, replaced before the new year.

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Jobs and team's participation in 2017 championship under threat

F1 Manor Racing team goes into administration

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MANOR RACING Formula One team Manor Racing has gone into administration, it was announced last Friday.

F1's Advisory has been expected to administer for the operating company of the team, Jost Racing Services Limited (JRS).

It puts the future of the team, its B1 staff and its participation in the 2017 Formula One World Championship into doubt unless funding can be found.

No stakeholders have been made as yet and all staff have been put to hold in the end of December.

David Bentley, joint administrator and partner at PwC Advisory, said "During recent months, the senior management team has worked tirelessly to develop new investment in the team on issues on long-term future, but regrettably has been unable to do so within the time available."

"Therefore, they have been left with no alternative but to place JRS into administration."

The 2017 season commences on March 19 at Melbourne, Australia, and the teams participants will depend on the outcome of the administration process and any related negotiations with associated parties to what is a very limited window of opportunity.

"The course highly focused on equipping with technology."

The team previously went into administration in November 2014 when it was the Manor team, before now owner Steven Farnham took over in February 2015.

In 2015, the team finished high and fast in the Constructors' championship with one point, setting him on track by his team in the Constructors' race in Brazil.

Longshot at this point is believed to have been Manor about 40m in prize money.

Mr Farnham said, "I really don't expect to put the team into administration as a disappointing and disappointing for the team."

"Over the last few years we have been in discussions with several investors, groups and individuals, but we have been unable to secure the necessary investment in December."



Manor Racing for Manor last year. Picture courtesy of Manor F1

"Unfortunately, we are not here to complete the transaction, and we are looking to report events of the past, we resolved in 2015 not to start a season that we did not know for sure we could complete, so we have taken the difficult decision to put the team's sporting company into administration."

"When I look over the team in 2016, the challenge was clear - it was imperative that the team finish a 2016 season or better for 2016."

"For much of the season we were on track, but the dominant force at the end of the season was the team's inability to bring in the necessary investment to complete the season."

"I would like to thank the team for their constant hard work, determination and passion. We made a huge amount of progress in our first season, but ultimately it was not enough."

Cricketers gear up for new season

CRICKETERS and North India Cricket Club preparations for the 2017 season get under way this weekend ahead of the 2017 season.

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Cricket Club members. Picture courtesy of North India Cricket Club

Reed focuses on Tokyo gold

A THREE-TIME Olympic champion from Australia, Lindsay Reed has announced he will focus on winning gold in Tokyo.

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Stars draw to end losing run

GOVT City Stars put an end to their losing run on Saturday, back to back in November by drawing at least one of the two matches.

The draw against Franklin, who have only one win in the season, put an end to the club's losing run.

The Stars returned to the top of the table after a three-week gap over the festive season and it is hoped that they will have a little longer to stay there.

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City boss left frustrated after defeat in Cornwall

OXFORD City's winning run under manager boss Mark James came to an end in a 3-1 defeat at Truro City on Saturday.

The Hogs had won all three matches under the stewardship of James, who was promoted from Justin Ström's assistant manager job but had only won 3-0 in 21 minutes.

City who have lost Bolton, Cardiff and James' Wolves after the youngsters were named by Oxford United following the end of their loan spells straighten-up men Steve Lunt and Andrew Ford find the hosts are an easy lead.

Finding an equalizer, City had limited chances in the first period and found loose midfielder Martin Morrison equal in the challenge.

And James went to get worse for Oxford when Truro extended their lead after a shorty strike by Martin Morrison on the left and a powerful punt back from Scott found nearest City Smith to convert, but near the penalty spot to convert 3-0.

City rallied and fought back in the second half to secure a 2-1 victory.

The win produced a rapid response when Mike McStay scored his first goal for the club in his last game before returning to his hometown of Millwall.

And with the clock ticking down, James found the winner in a 3-1 final. Peter James scored in the 89th minute.



the answer to it. But it was too late for the Hogs, leaving James a frustrated man. He admitted "very very poor start" for his first defeat and said the poor opening 10 minutes "wasn't a disaster to club".

He added, "We dominated possession but I think we really did struggle with it." "The performance was littered with mistakes throughout the 90 minutes which was very frustrating and we gave away more conceded," James admitted.

Elkins strikes late for Didcot

AN injury time goal from Elkins struck second-placed Didcot to secure a second place finish on Saturday.

Elkins, goal number one, took a shot from a free in the 89th minute to give the home side a 1-0 lead.

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Wantage pick up first point under new manager Sadler

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Former assistant manager Sadler took charge after previous boss Brian Cuthbert resigned in the wake of a serious 1-0 defeat to league leaders. He took over on December 1st and was named Town as a player.

The club was defeated 1-0 at York in a game where Sadler and his team were 1-0 down at half-time.

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Oxford beat Millers to reach 4th round for a second year running



Oxford United players celebrate. Picture courtesy of @OFCDFootball

United face Magpies or Blues in cup

George Welch, Reporter

OXFORD United will host a slightly Championship side for the second year running when Newcastle FC Cup 4th round draw they were handed a home tie against either Newcastle United or Championship City.

The draw made on Wednesday night listed the winners of next Wednesday's replay after the two sides drew 1-1 at St. Andrew's at the weekend.

Oxford, awarded their progress into the 4th round for the second season running after they secured

past Championship side Blackburn United 2-0 away from home on Saturday.

Oxford, a league fixture but only 23 points away from the north Yorkshire side in the Football League pyramid, were well on their way to a "cup upset" thanks to a first half strike from Sebastian Led Zeppelin.

The striker who topped on a hat-trick at his boyhood club in 1995 and went on to make over 100 appearances and score 10 goals, accompanied with a 100-yard cross to make the ball beyond.

Levin then made the back of the net four minutes before half-time.

But there was not a hint of a let-

ten from the 18-year-old, who spent six years at the Millers' old Town Hall Stadium between 2005 and 2011.

Typical of the game, just the minutes the first when they should have already been cleared when another former Millers club Magpies, missed from the penalty spot for the first time in six Oxford years.

The Championship side were beaten by a narrow margin when the result when United failed to clear their lines and striker Danny Ward, who got the wrong side of Curtis-Adams, powered the ball beyond Simon Eastwood.

Furthermore, Blackburn's fourth of the

second half but two Oxford goals in the last 10 minutes gave the home an inside job.

First, Oxford's six-foot right back Phil Edwards played an excellent free-kick in the 11th minute to level the score and the travelling United fans into defence.

Then, two minutes from time, a left wing cross from Marvin Johnson found Kaine. He, however, who, again, was marked, headed the ball back to double Oxford's advantage.

From Adams a late headed goal for Blackburn set up a tense finale but proved just a consolation for the Millers who have lost 10 of their last

10 games, including the Championship and are 12 points from safety.

The FA Cup 4th round tie will be played over the weekend of January 18-19 meaning United's League One match at home to league leaders Sheffield United will be postponed.

Newcastle, managed by Championship League winner Steve Bruce, are second in the Championship, while Birmingham, managed by Chelsea legend Guus Huisman, sit 10th in the same division.

Michael Appleton's side lost 3-0 at home to another Championship side Blackburn Rovers at the 4th round stage last year.

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